

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1160.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1160

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Access to State Agencies Survey of State Departments, Agencies, and Programs - Persons with Limited English Proficiency

FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly that State agencies are authorized to provide services to persons with limited English proficiency; requiring certain documents distributed to the public by State agencies to be translated into any language spoken by a certain percentage of either the State population or the population within the geographic service area of a local office of a State agency; requiring State agencies to promulgate certain regulations by a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to access of State agencies by persons with limited English proficiency defining certain terms; requiring that State agencies survey the need for certain services and the measures taken to provide certain services; requiring the Department of Human Resources to develop and distribute certain surveys and review certain information; requiring the Department of Human Resources to make certain recommendations and develop certain budgets if certain conditions exist; requiring the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Planning to prepare certain estimates; requiring the Department of Human Resources to issue a certain report on or before a certain date; and providing for the termination of this Act.

BY adding to

~~Article - State Government~~

~~Section 10-1101 through 10-1103, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Language Access"~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1990 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

~~Article - State Government~~

~~SUBTITLE 11. LANGUAGE ACCESS.~~

~~10-1101.~~

~~THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE INABILITY TO SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS A BARRIER THAT PREVENTS ACCESS TO~~